

Mumps Season in Full Swing, Doctor Reports

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Every year, during the spring and early summer, there is an increase in the number of individuals stricken with mumps. Thus far in 1959, some 2317 cases of the disease have been recorded in Los Angeles County, which is 288 more than the number reported during the same period last year. Moreover, many individuals who get mumps are not aware of it as the usual symptoms of distress are not apparent.

Unlike such highly contagious diseases as measles and chickenpox, mumps is only moderately communicable and is spread by germs (the virus of mumps) that are present in the saliva of the infected person.

COUGHING, sneezing, and kissing are some of the ways in which the germ may be transmitted from one person to another, while direct contact with objects freshly contaminated by the infected person's saliva may also result in transfer of the organisms.

Most cases of mumps occur in children between the ages of 5 and 15. When given the proper care at this age, the disease is generally of little consequence.

Mumps is relatively uncommon in adults. This is fortunate because it sometimes affects glands other than those in the neck or throat. In grown-ups of either sex, particularly the male, sterility may result as the aftermath of inflammation that involves the sex glands.

MUMPS, especially after puberty, may also produce complications that include such disorders as meningo-encephalitis and middle ear infections. All of which serves to emphasize the fact that this apparently simple malady is not one to be neglected.

Owing to the serious nature of these complications in adults, many physicians make

no attempt to prevent children from having the disease figuring, no doubt, that it is best to get the illness over with when the chances of permanent damage are slight.

The first symptom of mumps is usually a pain under the ear. The patient then starts to run a temperature, which is accompanied by the swelling of one or more glands in the neck or throat. One side only is affected at first but is usually followed by the other in a couple of days. On the average, these swellings are noticeable in from 14 to 21 days after exposure to the disease, but may appear as early as 12 days or as late as 28.

THE INDIVIDUAL is infectious to others a few days before the glands begin to swell and remains so until they return to normal size. In uncomplicated cases, the visible swelling may subside in a week or a little more.

Even when the disorder is so mild that no glandular swelling is evident, the virus is carried in the saliva and may be the cause of infection in other individuals. Usually, but not always, the person who has had an attack of the disease for life, even when outward signs of the disease are lacking.

Because of possible complications, there should be no hesitancy in contacting the family doctor whenever mumps is suspected.

SMALL FISH

For the next three or four weeks the catchable-size rainbow trout stocked in Southern California waters by the Department of Fish and Game will be slightly smaller than those that have been stocked in recent weeks. The size drop will be from 8-and 9-inches to 7- or 7 1/2-inch trout.

SCHOOL MERGERS

CHICAGO — One modern consolidated school usually takes the place of four or more of the smaller school units.

Brothers Sign 1959 Contract With L.A. Rams

The Morrow brothers—John, a veteran, and rookie Gordon—will return their signed 1959 Ram contracts to general manager Pete Rozelle Monday.

They became the second brother combination in Los Angeles Ram history. Three years ago Don Wade reported to training camp with Bill. The club put him on waivers shortly before the end of training camp. He was subsequently killed in an automobile accident.

The upcoming season will mark John's third season with the club. A three year letterman at Michigan, he was drafted on the 28th round in 1956. Morrow reported at camp with much more publicized rookies, but by the end of the season was the club's regular center. He missed the 1957 season because of service duty but was back at his pivot spot again last year. He rates as one of the squad's top blockers.

When younger brother Gordon came up for the draft, the Rams likewise selected him on the 28th round. He divided his time between center and end at Michigan, but will be positioned at offensive end with the Rams. Young Morrow is 6-3, weighs 220.

Chamber Woes New Teachers, Told to Wait

A mild flirtation between the businessmen of Torrance and the incoming crop of schoolteachers began this week when the men invited the gals to dinner and to come see their industry, and ended with the spokesmen for the teachers accepting the barbecue bid but playing hard-to-get on the second invitation.

Representing the teachers was the Torrance board of education, which dealt with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the businessmen's go-between.

The board agreed to let the new teachers attend the "welcome barbecue" planned by the Chamber for Sept. 23, an annual event. However, when the men put in a pitch for their 1959-60 Business - Industry - Education Day, which this year's crop of teachers attended a couple of months ago, the chaperoning board nixed it.

Said the Board, "If you fellows visit our schools for an E-I-B Day this year, then we'll let our teachers visit your plants in alternate years."

Nobody knows what the teachers had to say about all this. They haven't arrived yet.

Install Traffic Control Signals

Installation of traffic control signals with highway safety lighting at four intersections have been completed in the Dominguez area, Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced today.

Three of the signals are on Main St. at 220th, 223rd, and 228th Streets, and the fourth at Sepulveda and Panama Ave. Supervisor Chace said the new signals will help relieve traffic congestion, especially during peak traffic hours. Recent counts showed that some 12,000 vehicles use Main St. daily and 18,000 use Sepulveda Blvd.

LICENSES ON SALE

California's 1959-60 hunting licenses, deer tags and bear tags are now on sale at all hunting license agents in Southern California and the Inyo-Mono area, reports the Department of Fish and Game. Hunting licenses for 1958-59 expired June 30 and the 1959-60 issue became valid July 1.

DOUBLE CATCH

A. C. Mallote, of Whittier, scored an unusual fishing "double" his past week on the Colorado River below Parker Dam. He hooked and landed an 18-pound channel catfish that had just swallowed a 2-pound largemouth bass.

Roman Banquets to Feature Activities on Playgrounds

Fun in the manner of both ancient and modern Rome will keynote many of the special events planned during the next two weeks at parks and playgrounds operated by the Torrance Recreation Dept.

There will be 59 B.C. style banquets and 1959 A.D. type spaghetti feeds with craft sessions, games and contests to match.

Here is the special events schedule:
EL NIDO — Colosseum field day, 2 p.m., Wednesday; harbor cruise, Tuesday; discuss throw, 1 p.m., Monday; Roman festival, 1 p.m., Friday; watermelon feed, 1 p.m., Thursday; nature hike, 10 a.m., Tuesday.

WALTERIA — Pizza feed, 12:30 p.m., Wednesday.
McMASTER — Chariot bicycle races and Roman festival, 2 p.m., July 16; family night, 8 p.m., Thursday.
SEA AIRE — Costume parade and chariot races, July 13; field events, July 14; track

DR. ROBERT SHAFFER TO DISCUSS 'FREEDOM'

In keeping with the spirit of Independence Day, Dr. Robert E. Shaffer, minister of the Church of Divine Truth, will speak on the topic of "New Concepts of Freedom and of God" at services to be conducted Sunday at 11 a.m. at McMaster Park, 3624 West 174th St.

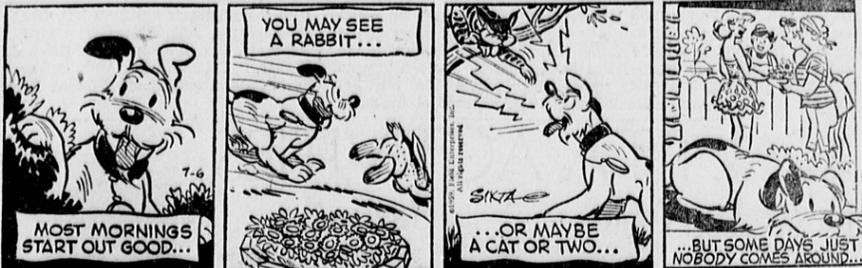
Sunday Sermon '... For Calvary Announced

"Communion Meditation" will be the sermon topic to the Rev. H. Earl Kuester at the Calvary Baptist Church at Alondra this Sunday at the morning services. At the evening service he will speak on the theme, "Call to Revival."

Palacios Boy Enters Orthopaedic Hospital

Michael Palacios, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Santiago Palacios, 903 E. 220th St., has been admitted as a patient to Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital.

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